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better for people in Nebraska, it's healthier for people in Nebraska to not have to be impacted by environmental tobacco smoke. Environmental tobacco smoke, by definition, is the smoke exhaled by a smoker, but it's also the smoke that comes off the tip of the cigarette that's unfiltered and, as a result, has many toxins that are spread throughout the atmosphere that aren't necessarily inhaled by the smoker. And you can't necessarily see environment tobacco smoke; you can see smoke, but there are particulates and other aspects to environmental tobacco smoke...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...that spread throughout the atmosphere. And I'm going to just give you some information on environmental tobacco smoke, so that we all know what we're talking about when we discuss this bill. Secondhand smoke is the smoke from the burning end of a cigarette and the smoke exhaled by the person smoking. Secondhand smoke contains more cancer-causing chemicals than smoke inhaled directly by the smoker. These include twice as much tar, three times more nicotine, five times more carbon monoxide. Secondhand smoke is more toxic because it is not filtered through the unburned tobacco remaining in the cigarette or through the cigarette filter, if there is one. People who breathe secondhand smoke absorb these dangerous elements, just as people who do smoke. The amount absorbed depends on the length of exposure and the room's ventilation. Both the Environmental Protection Agency and the Surgeon General state that secondhand smoke causes the following health problems for people who do not smoke, and I know I'm running out of time,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...but I'll bring these up later. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Jensen, Chairman of Health and Human Services, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments to LB 227.